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SUBJ: VIEWS OF STAFFDEL BRADY AND SULLIVAN ON FAR FORCE LEVELS

1. VISIT OF STAFFDELS BRADY AND SULLIVAN HAS BEEN FULLY REPORTED ON BY GENERAL TREFFRY (DAO/VIENTIANE MSG 060950Z MAY 74).

I SHOULD LIKE TO CONFIRM THAT IN MY TALKS WITH BRADY AND SULLIVAN THEY WERE EXTREMELY HELPFUL AND COOPERATIVE. THEY NOW UNDERSTAND VERY WELL THE LEGISLATIVE PROBLEMS WE CONFRONT IN ADAPTING THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN LAOS TO MAP CRITERIA. THEY ACCEPTED THE MISSION POSITION ON FORCE REDUCTION AND THE NEED FOR THE U.S. TO FINANCE THE SALARIES OF 10,000 FAR SOLDIERS WHILE A PHASED DEMOBILIZATION IS CARRIED OUT IN FY 1975. BRADY AND SULLIVAN SAID THEY WOULD SEE WHAT THEY COULD DO TO BE HELPFUL WITH REGARD TO THIS PROBLEM WHEN THEY RETURNED TO WASHINGTON.

2. BRADY AND SULLIVAN SAID THEY BELIEVED THE SECRETARY WOULD APPEAR BEFORE THE SFRC AND HFAC TO REVIEW DEVELOPMENTS DURING HIS CURRENT TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST. THEY HINTED THAT A QUESTION ON THE LAO MAP PROBLEM MIGHT BE POSED TO HIM AT THAT TIME.

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